From: Quamme, Sarah
To: Sartorius, Shawn
Cc: Susan Oetker; Debra Hill; Susan Jacobsen
Subject: Re: URGENT: hornshell info needed today
Date: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:39:56 AM
Attachments: hornshell supplement DCC.docx

Hi guys - Thank you all so much for jumping on this immediately. Bridget has some follow up comments/questions. Could you please have a look and revise as needed? Thanks!

On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 10:29 AM, Sartorius, Shawn <shawn_sartorius@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Q, see Susan and Deb's responses below:
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> From: **Oetker, Susan** <susan_oetker@fws.gov>
> Date: Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 8:15 AM
> Subject: Fwd: URGENT: hornshell info needed today
> To: Shawn Sartorius <shawn_sartorius@fws.gov>, Debra Hill <debra_hill@fws.gov>
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> Here you go Shawn- edit as you wish and send on. Thanks.
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> Texas hornshell was listed as a category 2 candidate in 1989, and it became a candidate species as currently defined in 2001. We were petitioned to list it in 2004, and candidate status was upheld.
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> After it became a candidate species in 2001, the Service began funding the states of Texas and New Mexico through section 6 of the ESA for conservation and monitoring. Through that funding, New Mexico conducted significant population and life history studies as well as landowner outreach. Texas also conducted surveys using that funding. In 2011, a joint section 6 project between the two states resulted in the significant discovery of a large population in the Rio Grande.
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> In 2013, the Service and BLM began working with landowners, oil and gas and other partners on these rivers to develop a comprehensive conservation agreement for all landownership. These agreements were set to publish in 2016, when the New Mexico State Land commissioner decided that they could not be implemented on NM State Trust Lands. This left out 90,000 acres within the Action Area, and so we began to look for a solution that incorporated State Lands. After working with the State of NM, we were able to develop a parallel agreement, with NM holding the permit for State lands. Unfortunately, this development put us up against a listing decision with unfortunate timing.
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Subject: Re: URGENT: hornshell info needed today
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On it!

On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 7:46 AM, Quamme, Sarah <sarah_quamme@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi guys - We've been asked for some follow up information on hornshell (see below). Can you all provide a few paragraphs regarding these points? We don't need a briefing paper, just narrative. We need this ASAP today.
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> Here's the ask:
> -Need to provide a history of our engagement on hornshell e.g, when did we first become aware that it was potentially at risk, when was it petitioned &/or when did it become a candidate?
> -Has the Service or the states or some other parties undertaken any conservation efforts prior to the CCAA/CCA?
> -What was the genesis and timing of the current CCAA/CCA effort?
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> Let's get on the phone right away if you guys need any clarification. Thanks!
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